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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope most of you have been keeping up with the AARA Field Day activity that went on during last weekend and reading the e-mails "THIS IS A Drill" prior to Field Day. I know that some of our repeater users were quite upset when the 147.040 and the 146.820 repeaters were shut down as part of the drill about 10 days before FD. It caught me by surprise as I did not read the e-mails very close, when I noticed that both were down, I panicked and e-mailed our repeater technicians to find out why they were down, then I was told it is part of the scenario of emergency communications and Field Day.

I think Glen KF5FNP (Field Day Chairperson) was trying to stress the importance of knowing what to do in case the repeaters go down during a emergency situation by resorting to and coordinating simplex frequencies during this time. By using simplex frequencies, we get some idea of how to program our transceivers and what kind of range we can cover. Glen is very concerned on what may happen and how we as radio operators might cope with this problem. I hope everyone gained some knowledge from this experience, I know I did! A hurricane may give us some warning in advance, but a disaster such as a tornado, hazardous spill, nuclear attack, etc. will not give us a advance warning so we need to be prepared to meet any occasion.

Bill Vincent, director of the Lafayette Parish EOC, and Ed Roy WA5TNK Lafayette Parish EC along with Glen put the EMCOMM part of our Field Day together. Bill was very impressed with our Field Day event and extended his "Thanks" to all who participated. He also allowed us to use the Lafayette Parish Mobile Command Post for our use. It has radios, computers, internet, restroom, and best of all...it is air conditioned! Thanks Bill!

I know some of our members have a lot of questions about "Why" we did Field Day this way and if you attend the July 5th General Meeting, you might want to bring them up, I think you may have a better understanding of "Why"! I think this is the first time the AARA as a club group was involved with an emergency "Drill".

Jess Gillion KF5LUL, owner of *All Ride* auto dealership, had his crew give our AMOS van a complete makeover, prior to Field Day, they did a great job on making her look beautiful inside and outside. The AARA would also like to extend our "Thanks" to a job well done and dearly needed. It had been quite a while since AMOS had received extensive facelift.

Nick K5QXJ had planned to have some of the students from the UL CAPE group to give a talk on the Balloon Launch that recently took place to appear at this meeting, but I think it may be re-scheduled to the August General Meeting as most of the July meeting will be devoted to Field Day discussion.

LOUISIANA SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The K5LSA Special Event Station for celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Louisiana Statehood and 100th Anniversary of the Adoption of the State Flag is now listed on the ARRL Special Events website, on QRZ using the call K5LSA, and the AARA website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/k5lsa/>

Check them out!

Herman KN5GRK
AARA President



A "Special Thanks" to Sandra and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJF, KE5KJD for arranging for food at the Field Day Event!



MORE AARA FIELD DAY INFO IN THE AUGUST LARC

**July AARA General Meeting will take place on July 5th at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.
VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM**

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, July 5th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Slidell Hamfest 2012

Saturday July 21, 2012

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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JUNE 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES (Edited)

June 07, 2012

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- There were 21 members in attendance and 2 visitors.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during May.
- Karen Marshall KE5RPI, attended the 2012 YL International Meet in Adelaide Australia. We look forward to her telling us about her trip.

Minutes: The May minutes were not read as they were posted in the June LARC – accepted as written. On motion by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, seconded by Nick Pugh K5QXJ the Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Breaux K5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Danny Daigle KD5JSM, seconded by Jess Gillion KF5LUL, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business: Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, reported no updates on the 147.040 repeater site as yet.

AMOS will be taken to Jess Gillion KF5LUL, to have the tires changed and to have it detailed.

Larry LeBlanc took responsibility of ordering the antenna tuner and the batteries for AMOS.

SPECIAL EVENT: We will have a Special Event honoring the 200th Birthday of Louisiana becoming a State and 100th Birthday of the Louisiana Flag being adopted.

The event will be September 8th - 9th at the Lafayette Tourist Center. Gerald Breaux said that we can set up on the porch. We will operate from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will work the 20 meter band, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. we will work the 40 meter band and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the 20 meter and 80 meter bands. There will be security there from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. We will need someone to stay overnight.

We will have the information on the website, QRZ link to the website, and a listing in QST.

At this time there is a Kid's Camp at the Children's Museum. The children will learn to build circuit boards, oatmeal box radios (tested 4), and antennas. Time will be on Friday.

FIELD DAY: On Monday night and Friday night before Field Day, there will be a Fox Hunt. Currently there are 4 participants.

Some of the members are preparing "Go Kits". They will have everything needed packed and ready to go when needed.

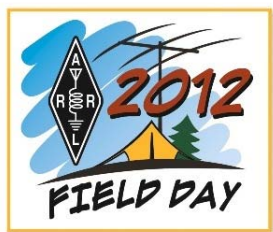
Saturday, June 16th will be ARRL Kid's Day. Interested members can participate by calling "CQ Kids Day."

Danny Griffith K5ARH, mentioned the change in time for the Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net to one hour later starting on Father's Day at 0130 Zulu.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Field Day Chairman, showed a video on "Fox Hunting".

On motion by Sandy KE5KJF, seconded by Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary



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AARA 2012 FIELD DAY REPORT

The AARA 2012 Field Day was done a little different this year. Our Field Day Chairman, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP along with Lafayette Parish EOC Director Bill Vincent decide to incorporate some emergency communications aspects into this event, after all, this is what Field Day is all about. Setting up in the field, running portable radios, using makeshift antennas or anything on hand to get the word out.

If you are on KN5GRK's e-mail reflector, you would have received a daily FD Bulletin beginning on July 5th. Each bulletin stated: (THIS IS A DRILL)! These bulletins stated the scenario of Hurricane Kaboudreaux entering Louisiana followed by another hurricane Bohica (Bend Over, Here it Comes Again). Glen did a very good job of putting these bulletins together and added a little humor to add a chuckle or two, but remember things like this could happen, we just need to be prepared.

Here is the fun part of this Field Day. On Mondays June 11th and 18th around 8:00 pm, a group did a "Fox Hunt" in the Lafayette, the winners received a prize, we had a good participation. This is part of our Field Day training believe it or not!

Up until Friday night, the evening before Field Day, no one knew where our Field Day was to be held. This was a well guarded secret, not even the club president knew the location. Friday evening at 6:00 pm, another Fox Hunt took place, Galen KF5BET, Abbi KF5BEW and Kendra KF5FYS found the fox in 35 minutes and received Field Day hats. This time the fox was located at the Field Day site, after all the hunters found the fox, word of the location was released by radio and e-mail reflector to the public. The location was downtown Lafayette on the grounds of the Lafayette Parish Courthouse, notice I said "grounds", if you read your bulletins, you found out that Hurricane Kaboudreaux had destroyed the EOC antennas and both of the AARA repeaters (they were really shut down for about 12 days plus), this was part of the plan to train operators to use 2 meter simplex.

Glen had set up a "Task Schedule" for Saturday morning involving several things such as:

EMCOMM TASK #1 8:30 - 9:30 am Saturday

1. Construct, tune, and hang a NVIS 75 meter dipole with parts donated by Keith Hendrix K5UFO.
2. Perform radio linkup with Louisiana GOSHEP (WB5LHS) in Baton Rouge on 40 meters and pass one piece of Emergency traffic.
3. Perform radio linkup with Red Cross (WA5FKF) in Baton Rouge.
4. Perform radio linkup with the National WX Service (K5LCW) in Lake Charles on 40 meters and pass one piece of traffic.

EMCOMM TASK #2 10:00 - 11:30 am Saturday

1. Set up 2 meter antenna with cross band repeat radio on top of Chase Tower for simplex linkup with Baton Rouge GOSHEP and Red Cross, and the NWS in Lake Charles. Use a handheld at ground level by Lafayette Parish EOC with rubber duck on 445.00 for input.
2. Perform linkup via 146.520 simplex or 145.230 repeater in Baton Rouge to Louisiana GOSHEP.
3. Perform linkup via 146.520 simplex or 145.230 repeater in Baton Rouge to Red Cross.
4. Perform linkup via 146.520 simplex or 145.210 repeater with NWS in Lake Charles.

We succeed in some of these tasks but failed in a few, this is how we learn!

Field Day Contesting kicked off at 1300 hours using the club call W5DDL.



NVIS antenna construction crew, assembling a 75 meter antenna with parts donated by K5UFO, Keith Hendrix.

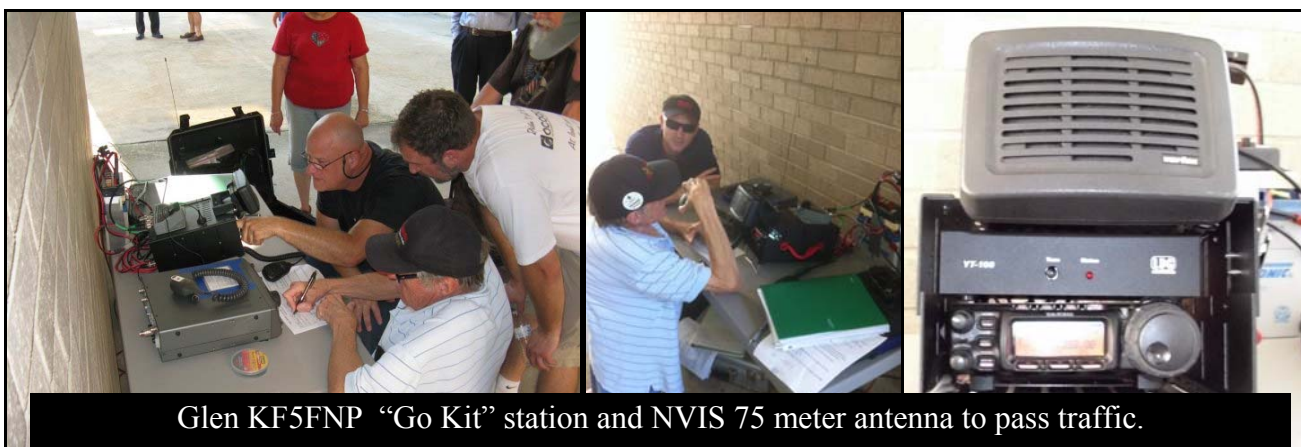
(Shown l. to r.) Nick KE5MWX, Galen KF5BET, Terry N5QWA, Glen KF5FNP, Ed WA5TNK, Archie W5AG, Wayne AF5EJ, Jess KF5LUL, and Terry N5QWA.

Bill Vincent & Herman KN5GRK

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↑ Group receiving 1ST Task - Build a NVIS 75 m. antenna from spare parts donated by Service Communications - Keith K5UFO.



Glen KF5FNP "Go Kit" station and NVIS 75 meter antenna to pass traffic.

↑ These photos taken around the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. ↑

↑ 2nd Task - Link up with Baton Rouge GOSHEP, B.R. Red Cross, Lake Charles NWS and pass formal NTS Traffic.



↑ Dave N4ELM with his solar/battery "Go Kit", Icom IC-7200, Netbook, & solar panel on digital communications.



↩ Nick KE5MWX and xyl Paula KE5CNS on "Go Kit" station on south side of Parish Court House.

Glen KF5FNP, Kendra KF5FYS, Galen KF5BET & Abbi KF5BEW winners of the Friday night "Fox Hunt". ➡



JUNE 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	27	0	63	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	62	1	119	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	13	2	45	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	14	1	50	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	6M / 4G	1	22	KE5KJD Larry

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.
Charles Wadsworth

Extra Class Question Pool Changes

The new Amateur Extra class (Element 4) question pool -- released by the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) in January 2012 -- becomes effective on Sunday, July 1. The current Amateur Extra class pool expires on June 30, 2012 and cannot be used after that date. This new question pool -- including graphics and diagrams -- will remain valid until June 30, 2016. The new Amateur Extra pool contains 702 questions, from which 50 are selected for an Element 4 examination. As of June 13, three questions -- E1D09, E2A14 and E6E10 -- have been removed from the new pool. The current Technician class question pool that became effective July 1, 2010 is valid through June 30, 2014. The current General class pool that became effective July 1, 2011 is valid until June 30, 2015.

2012 SLIDELL EOC HAMFEST

Sponsored by OZONE ARC

Date: Saturday July 21, 2012

Time: 8 AM - 2 PM

Place: John Slidell Park Gym
105 Robert Blvd.
Slidell, LA

Talk-in: 147.27/87 PL 114.8

Admission: \$5.00 (includes 1 raffle ticket)

VE Testing - Forums - Main Prizes - Hourly Prizes - Ladies Raffle

Dealers: MFJ, Regal-Brown, MCM Computers, Sign Man of Baton Rouge, Bamcom, Gifts for Hams

Information: wb5chj@live.com

Website: <http://www.w5lsa.net>



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	CHARLES	K5UA
7/1	ED	WA5TNK
7/2	EUGENE	WA5KNC
7/18	JOY	N5YCS
7/21	JOE	W5XJF
7/22	RICK	N5RLM
7/22	PAT	W5WMU
7/23	RALPH	WB5GAF
7/27	CALVIN	KD5JCT

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

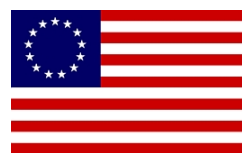
July 2012 Special Events & Contests

- July 1-7** **Greenville Farm Power of the Past, W8G** Oilfield Engine Society, Geenville, OH 14.250, 18.150, 7.200
- July 1-31** **200th Anniversary Friendship and Peace Between Canada and USA following the War of 1812, CG3B.** Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, Ontario 14.265, 14.1410, 14.070, 14.025, 7.260, 7.025
- June 16** **43rd Annual Winnebago-Itasca Grand National Rally, W0WIT.** Winnebago-Itasca Traveler Hams, Forest City, IA 14.263, 7.253, 3.970
- July 15-16** **60th Anniversary Oldest Continuously Operating Amateur Radio Club in the Metro New Orleans Area, W5ABD.** Westside Amateur Radio Club, New Orleans, LA 14.313, 7.232
- July 27-29** **Great Texas Balloon Race and National Hot Air Balloon Finals, KI5UA.** East Texas Amateur Radio Club, Longview, TX. 14.250, 7.250, CW on 20 and 40 meters.

Refer to the July issue of QST (page 94, 95) for additional information and more listings of contests and "Special Event Stations".

ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES INDEPENDENCE WEEK SPECIAL EVENT

July 1st-5th 2012

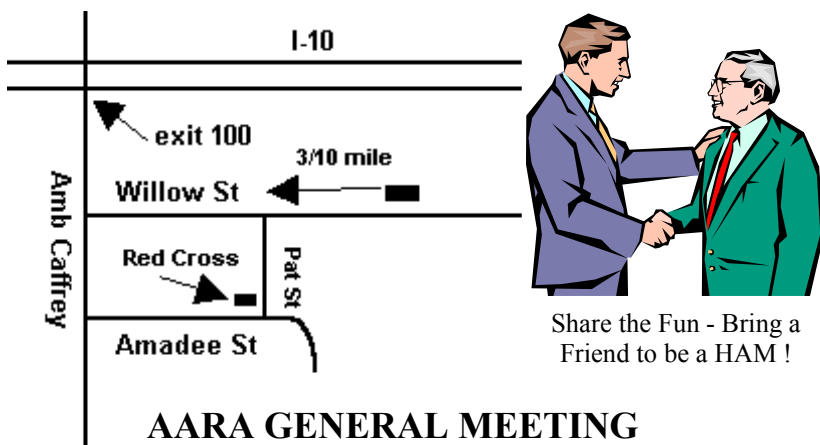


<http://www.13colonies.info/>

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday July 5th, 2012 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

Zesty Salsa for Canning

10 cups	Roughly chopped tomatoes	1 1/4 cup	Cider vinegar
5 cups	Chopped and seeded bell peppers	3 cloves	Minced garlic
5 cups	Chopped onions	2 tbsp	Cilantro, minced
2 1/2 cups	Chopped and seeded Jalapenos	3 tsp	Salt
		6 oz.	Tomato paste

Combine all ingredients except tomato paste in large saucepot. Simmer until desired thickness is reached. Stir in tomato paste. Ladle hot salsa into hot jars leaving 1/4 inch headspace. Process for 15 minutes in a hot water bath.

Note: Use more hot peppers for a very hot salsa or less for mild.

Makes 6 pints.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET
galenw@cox.net



**FCC Information
Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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